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School Calendar

FEBRUARY:

- 3 Staff and senior pupils lay concrete for fives courts.
- 4 Term 1 begins.
- 4 Murray Kuperus represents the school on "Spirit of Adventure" cruise.
- 6 New Zealand Day.
- 20 Lunch-time concert by "Certain Sounds".
- 21 School Swimming Sports.
- 22 Pupils involved in I.H.C. collection.
- 25 Education Review.

MARCH

- 3 Education Review.
- 5 Civvies Day and Lunch-time Dance.
- 11 School enters Business Game.
- 15: Inter-Country Secondary Schools' Athletic Sports at Temuka.
- 15 Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Sports at Pleasant Point.
- 18 School Athletic Sports.
- 20 Form 2 Science Field Trip.
- 26 Mid-South Canterbury Inter-Secondary Schools' Athletic Sports at Geraldine.
- 28-April 1: Easter Holidays.

APRIL:

- 10 Forms 6 and 7 visit Tertiary Institutions in Christchurch.
- 11-13: Form 6 French field trip.
- 17-May 14: Principal in Australia on a Woolf Fisher Fellowship.
- 17 School Cross Country.
- 30 Forms 1 and 2 visit Ballet in Timaru.

MAY:

- 1-2 Form 2 Social Studies visit to Christchurch.
- 9 Term 1 ends.
- 26 Term 2 begins.
- 30 School farewells Mr Dale after fifteen years' service.

JUNE:

- 2 Queen's Birthday
- 10 School sends clothes to Tonga through V.S.A.
- 17 Debate v. Twizel for Jaycee Debating Contest.
- 18 Form 4 Home Economics field trip to Timaru.
- 18 Form 4 Social English visit to film of "Jonathon Livingstone Seagull."
- 19 Winter sports interchange with Fairlie.
- 21 Corso collection by pupils.
- 23 Forms 5 and 6 girls, Careers Visit to Timaru Hospital.
- 23-27 Civvies week.
- 24 Inaugural meeting of Old Pupils' Association.
- 27 Staff v. Pupils Basketball match.
- 30 Careers Evening.

JULY:

- 7 Ludmilla Couanau, an exchange student, arrives from Tahiti.
- 8-9 Winter sports interchange with Methven.
- 10 French Evening.

- 11 Mid-term break.

- 14 Forms 3 and 4 Speech Contest

- 15 Forms 1 and 2 Speech Contest.

- 17 Forms 5-7 Speech Contest.

- 19 Bottle Drive.

- 23 Winter sports interchange with Twizel.

- 25-26 Boys' Basketball team in Canterbury tournament at Ashburton.

- 28-July 1: Jeff Wasserman, an A.F.S. student, visits school.

- 28 Debate v. Mercy College for Jaycee Debating Contest.

- 30 Inter-Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships at Waimate.

AUGUST:

- 1 School closed because of storm.

- 4-11 Forms 5-7 examinations.

- 5 Classical guitarist gives concert to junior school.

- 7 Form 4 P.E. field trip to Round Hill.

- 13 Winter Sports interchange with Timaru College.

- 14 Forms 1 and 2 winter sports interchange with Waihi and Convent.

- 14-15 Forms 1-3 teams compete in Canta Maths contests in Christchurch.

- 15 Forms 1 and 2 social.

- 15 School farewells Ewan Chapman, our A.F.S. student.

- 18 Form 4X3 Social English Field Trip to Pioneer Park.

- 22 School farewells Ludmilla Couanau.

- 22 Term 2 ends.

- 25-28 Senior pupils attend Vocational Seminar in Timaru.

SEPTEMBER:

- 6-14 Forms 5 and 6 Geography Field Trip to the North Island.

- 15 Term 3 starts.

- 19 I.S.C.F. Pancake Evening.

- 22 Dominion Day.

- 25 Debate v. Craighead for Jaycee Debating Contest.

- 27 Six teams compete in all-day Basketball Tournament in Timaru.

OCTOBER:

- 10-16 Form 6 exams.

- 22 Form 4X1 Social English Field Trip to Christchurch.

NOVEMBER:

- 17-28 Form 1 camps.

- 19-21 Forms 3 and 4 exams.

- 20-Dec. 4 School Certificate Examinations.

- 26-Dec. 3 University Bursaries Examinations.

- 26-Dec. 4 University Entrance Examinations.

DECEMBER:

- 8 Summer Sports interchange with Fairlie.

- 9 Forms 1 and 2 Mannequin Parade and Art/Woodwork Display.

- 10 Prize Giving.

- 11 Terms 3 ends.

Editorial

Over the past few years there have been a number of encouraging developments with reference to the varying educational needs of individuals of different ages and at different stages in their lives. The community and educational planners are realising that it is not desirable to make formal education comparatively difficult for the majority of people to obtain after they have turned 15. And so adults are being encouraged to return to secondary school if they want to, either to follow a full course of study or just for selected subjects. Community colleges, a new concept in education, are springing up all over the country and they will undoubtedly increase the availability of more education for a wider range of people in the community.

Members of the community are also becoming more involved in the educational process by being invited into schools to give pupils the benefit of their specialised knowledge on subjects like town planning, health, conservation, agriculture, road safety and public speaking, all of which are studied within the syllabus of a secondary school. In a slightly different way, members of the business community are helping with the education of pupils by taking part in Work Experience programmes. These programmes have the dual function of bringing the school and the community closer together, thus aiding a better understanding of each other, and offering pupils the opportunity of observing and trying their hands at various types of employment. Pupils are then in a better position to decide on the jobs they want to take up when they leave school, or if, indeed, they think they are ready to leave school at that stage.

The school-leaving age has itself been the subject of a recent change in policy. It has become evident to the authorities that pupils develop at different rates and that their needs at any one age vary from individual to individual. Hence an arbitrary school-leaving age of 15 may not be completely desirable. And so, although the official school-leaving age remains at 15, special facilities exist to allow some pupils to leave school at 14 if this seems best for them.

All these changes are undoubtedly laudable and based on sound principles. But it is doubtful as to whether these measures go far enough. Certainly, it could be argued that they are just a beginning and that further community education about the desirability of such measures needs to be undertaken before they can be extended — and this is true. But they must be seen as only a start.

The process of education, it could also be argued, will never be entirely successful until it is eagerly sought after by those we hope to educate — you can lead a horse to water. . . . One way of achieving this would be to make education more like a privilege than a boring duty. Certainly one does have a duty to educate oneself, but it is a duty to oneself, to no one else. And we should perhaps take the expensive privilege of education away from those who are not interested in it. But in doing so, we must also make this privilege freely available to them if, at a later stage, they decide they want it.

One way of doing all this would be to lower the school-leaving age still further and to encourage members of the community to accept "second chance" education as the norm rather than the exception. Pupils could then leave school if they were not ready to learn, on the understanding that they could return to school at any subsequent stage in their lives to resume the education that life or work had shown them they needed. If this could be achieved, then our educational resources would be being used to their optimum.

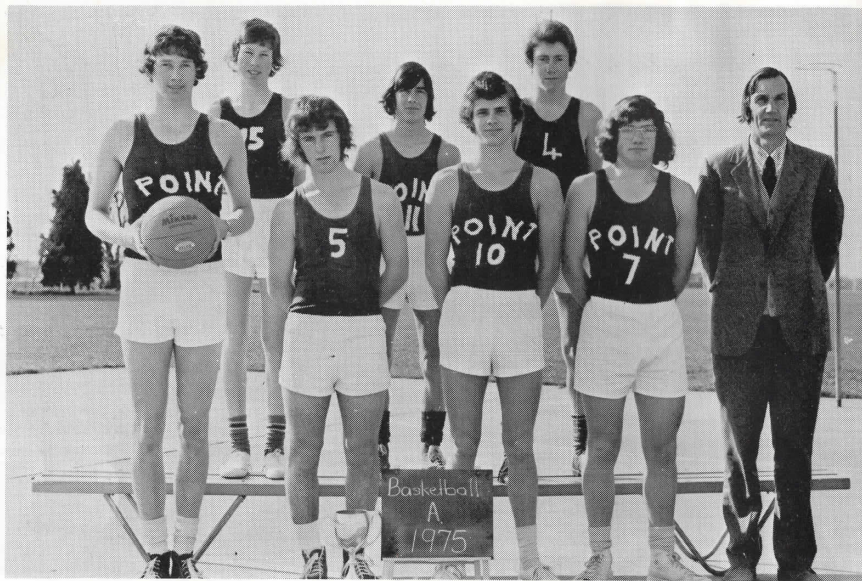


THE PRINCIPAL, MR D. F. WAUGH



STAFF

Back row: Mrs Fairbairn, Mrs Clark, Mr Jenkins, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Browning, Mr Rodgers. Middle row: Miss Leishman, Mr Dunbar, Mrs Macfarlane, Miss Henderson, Miss McLeod, Mr Macfarlane, Miss Ross, Mrs Egan, Mrs Turnbull. Front row: Mr Simpson, Mr Piper, Mr Riach, Mr Waugh, Mrs Riach, Mrs Chapman, Mr Wilson.



BOYS' "A" BASKETBALL
 Back row: Greg Hormann, John Merritt, Paul Cobden.
 Front row: David Usmar, Des Teahen, Ross Holland,
 Murray Kuperus, Mr Riach.



SOCCER 1ST XI
 Back row: Mr Browning, Graeme Cowan, Duncan Evans, Jon Palmer, Graham Baker, John Schurink, David Schurink. Front row: Neil Meade, Bruce Graham, Richard Hinchcliffe, Paul Cobden, Peter Westaway.

Staff Notes

February 1975 saw the arrival of two members of staff.

For Mrs V. P. Egan it was a "welcome home" because Mrs Egan was on the staff from 1970 to 1972; for part of that time she was known as Miss Garden. The school was delighted to have her services in Chemistry and Science again, after her stay in Australia. She finishes her year's relieving for Miss Ussher in December.

The other new member of staff was Miss C. McLeod, who came to the school from Christchurch Teachers' College, and has taught English and Social Studies. During the year we had to congratulate Miss McLeod on her engagement to be married, and now of course must regretfully see her leave to live in Christchurch next year.

Miss G. M. Leishman also leaves the school at the end of the year after two years teaching typewriting and commercial subjects. To all three ladies we offer our sincere thanks for their interest and enthusiasm both in the classroom and in all the extra-curricular activities where they have helped the school.

During the year we had two further changes in important departments. After 15 years at Pleasant Point High School, Mr Jack Dale retired from teaching this year. A man of outstanding ability as a teacher of technical subjects and with an immense interest in young people and this school, Mr Dale will be remembered with affection by all who taught or studied here. After almost three years as the Home Economics teacher, Miss M. Henderson left the school in August. We thank her for her work in the school and wish her well in her travels overseas. Amongst the part-time staff there have also been changes: Mr R. Earl replaced Mr Beynon in the Woodwork Department and Mrs Macfarlane in Science, Mrs Turnbull in Art, and Mrs M. Clark in the library were welcome additions to the part-time staff.

As Principal, this is the last set of Staff Notes I will write for "The Pointer". Although I look forward to returning to the deep south, to my old school, and to a new challenge, it is with considerable regret that I leave Pleasant Point High School. These have been six very enjoyable years. It has been a privilege to be the Principal of the "new" school built on such a fine "old" school. The new buildings, the growth in facilities, and the changes in curriculum and New Zealand education in general, have made for busy but intensely interesting and challenging years.

I am and will always be very proud of the record of this school, in the type of progressive education it is providing both inside and beyond the classroom. Its success has been largely due to two factors. First, the high calibre staff we have attracted and held, even in years of teacher shortage. Second, the loyal support of the community who, in times of immense pressures for lowering of standards, have joined with the school in expecting each child to show concern for his fellows, and also expecting him to strive to develop his own personal, social and academic potential to the full.

— Mr Waugh

Valete

The time has come to say farewell to our first Principal. Mr D. F. Waugh has ably led the development of the school in its first six years and all of us who have been associated with him can only admire the way he has totally involved himself in every aspect of school life. All will remember him for his active role in school music, his presence

on the sideline at Saturday sport, his active coaching roles, his work in community activities, his drama groups — all this and his positive leadership as Principal. Much more could be said of Mr Waugh, for whom no detail concerning his school was too trivial. Sufficient to say, as we wish him, Mrs Waugh and family well in their new district, that they leave behind a school in good heart and a community who will always welcome them.

— B. B. Riach

PLEASANT POINT EX-PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

An active and interested committee has been formed and has met several times this year. To date, response to a circular to a cross-section of ex-pupils has been disappointing.

THIS ASSOCIATION IS FOR EX-PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL DO YOU QUALIFY?

The aims are to create interest in the school among former pupils, provide help where possible and arrange suitable social functions.

Should you be interested or would like further information, please contact one of the following:

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School Council

A changing executive was the main feature of this year's School Council, resulting in "kaos"! Murray had to persuade two chairmen to leave school before he finally obtained the position!

This year the Council has set up two committees: the Social Committee, which arranged two excellent socials for visiting teams, with a variation in theme; and the Band Committee, which was set up to hold auditions for suitable bands. Both committees were formed of Council members. The Vice-Chairman and the Assistant Secretary were again the two pupils' representatives on the Uniform Committee.

The Council succeeded in a variety of money raising and spending activities this year. As in the last two years, our main fund-raising activity centred on Marthanee, our Vietnamese orphan. In the second term the school had a civvies week, topped off with an exciting game of indoor basketball between the staff and the senior boys.

A civvies day and lunchtime dance were held to raise money for the I.H.C.

Our paper collection, continuing from last year, has been a slow means of raising money. But we are still collecting paper.

The Council took on another responsibility this year. We opened the library before school for pupils. Senior Council members "patrolled" the area.

The Council members often seemed to lack interest in many of the proceedings and the segregation between junior and senior members was evident at all meetings. This was finally resolved by the integrated seating of senior and junior Council members.

Members of 1975 School Council:

Chairman: George Zwarts (left in term 1), Paul Bartrum (left in term 2), Murray Kuperus. Secretary: Helen Moses. Executive members: Nicholas Paul, Judith Winter, David Usmar, Karen Hardie, Susan Fairbairn, Des Teahen.

Form representatives: Trisha Oliver, Pam Blakemore, Denise Kelynack, Lyn Barker, Sandra Hardie, Hazel Te Koeti, Bruce Graham, Donald Bailey, Nicola Waugh, Alex Struthers, Anne Belworthy, Paula Todd, Shona Dockerty.

— H. Moses, M. Kuperus

A LETTER FROM OUR AMERICAN FIELD SCHOLAR, EWAN CHAPMAN

October 2, 1975

Gruezi miteinander — Hello everyone!

Well, here I am living 10,000 miles (I think) away in a home away from home. Here I live with a family in a small city in Western Switzerland. The family consists of two brothers and two sisters: Hans (20) is still at school(!!!), Heidi (18) is in America, Felix (16) and Suzi (13) are both still at school. My father is a self-employed biologist and often travels to other centres in Switzerland to attend conferences. My mother is a great cook and so I'm very happy here; but no steaks here at \$10.00 a kilo — it's very expensive.

Six days a week I go to school, having Wednesday and Saturday afternoon off. School is one of the unpleasant things here in Switzerland — starting at 8.00 and finishing at 5.15. It makes for a long day but it isn't always like that since you only need to attend the classes that you take. For example, I have 35 40-minute classes and in that time study German, French, English, Algebra, Geography, History, Trigonometry, Geometry, Technical Drawing, Art, Physics, Biology and P.E.,

all, of course, in German — including English! My English teacher usually talks for about 35 minutes in German and five minutes in English. The school is very modern, being six storeys high and very well equipped with such things as a chevron running track, projectors, sliding blackboards, and overhead projectors in every room. However, it places all the emphasis on academic work and no emphasis on sport or art. The students I think also work harder than us (it wouldn't take much!). They are expected to be able to recount what they did in the last lesson, giving a five-minute recital.

There are many things that I have found different here and perhaps if I tell you a few you may understand better the life of a Swiss. Firstly, there is the language. Only now am I beginning to understand the Swiss dialect, which is almost completely different from high German. The Swiss are generally very proud of the language and of their country as a whole — the Swiss flag flies everywhere and I'm constantly asked if I like it here. You try to tell them that "New Zealand I like just a little better," but you might as well speak to a brick wall.

Another thing that is interesting is that the Swiss like to go for walks. So one day I decided I'd go for a walk with this public "army". I was told it was 12km (the Swiss **always** under-estimate distances, times, prices) and it turned out to be 25km. — This was all done at a lightning fast pace, so that I've never been so glad to see home.

I can honestly say that Switzerland is really beautiful. The farms, cows with bells, houses with window-boxes of geraniums, and the mountains — they're all here, and I hope one day that you too can see and enjoy the Swiss way of life as much as I am. And now I wish you all good exam results, a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Tschau von der Schweiz,

Ewan

LUDMILLA COUANAU, OUR TAHITIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT

In the space of several hours, our Tahitian exchange student, Ludmilla Couanau, had left the heat of Tahiti only to find that two inches of snow had fallen in the Mackenzie district. The result that night: 1 electric blanket, 1 hot-water bottle, 6 blankets, 1 rug, an eiderdown and untold singlets, skivvies and bed-socks. After several days of misunderstanding everything that was said, Ludmilla settled into family life very well and within a few days her "Giddays!" had equalled Fred Dagg's and "Yuk" cropped up regularly.

Born in France, Ludmilla has lived in Tahiti for four years but will soon be returning to Paris to live.

During her stay in N.Z., from July 4 to August 20, Ludmilla participated in a ski trip to Round Hill and several French activities, and she spoke in Assembly.

— J. Winter

School Clubs and Activities

CANTERBURY SCHOOLS FRENCH CAMP AT METHVEN

In the second term the only two surviving members of the Sixth Form French class, Judith Winter and Suzette Miller, set off with Mrs Riach for a French weekend at Pudding Hill, Methven.

After two hours' travel, due to much faulty navigation, thanks to us, we finally reached the camp. We arrived to find, after having met the other pupils from the Canterbury district, that the male population was distinctly lacking. The only alternative left was to concentrate on our French.

During this weekend we took part in French games, walks, sing-songs and a barbecue, and we were shown slides and films on French life.

The effort of speaking French all the time — or supposedly all the time — was a strain, but it has hopefully improved our French. This camp also gave us the opportunity to hear different French accents being spoken.

We would like to thank Mrs Riach very much for providing the transport and giving up her weekend to take us there. — S. Miller

DEBATING

This year, owing to the lack of a major production, debating was able to play a large part in the school year.

As usual, there was the inter-house debating. The topics were not the usual run of the mill variety and provided a large part of the school with some fine entertainment.

The results were as follows:

"That Beauty is More Useful than Brains"

Affirmative — Tainui: Helen Moses, Jackie Waugh, Ewan Chapman

Negative — Takitimu: Karen Hardie, Dawn Bartrum, Nicholas Paul

"That Today's Commandment is 'Thou Shalt Not Be Found Out'"

Affirmative — Tokomaru: Judith Winter, Ross Holland, Steven Reid

Negative — Arawa: Susan Fairbairn, Suzette Miller, Pam Blakemore

Results: 1 Tainui 2 Tokomaru 3 Takitimu 4 Arawa

Best speaker: Ewan Chapman.

Judges: Mr Dunbar and Mr Macfarlane

A team was entered in the Jaycees Inter-school Debating Contest. The team was initially Ewan Chapman, Ross Holland and Jackie Waugh. A long and icy trip to Twizel for our first debate must have been conducive to good debating, as we won by a considerable margin. The topic was "That Private Schools Perpetuate Class Distinction". We took the negative side.

Ewan Chapman displayed his state school inclinations and was best speaker.

With the first round behind us, preparations started for the next debate. At about this time Ewan Chapman left for Switzerland and Karen Hardie joined the team. A reshuffling of positions and three weeks' work brought us up to our next debate. This time we were on home ground — and full of fight and fear. We were putting the case "That the West Coast Beech Forests Should Be Exploited". The team that was fated to meet us was Mercy College. It must have been the home crowd that spurred us on, as we won quite easily. The best speaker of the evening was Ross Holland.

We had now made it to the semi-finals and we drew Craighead as our opposition — the topic was "That Advertising is a Blot on Modern Life". We took the affirmative.

To practise for the debate, our team debated the same topic against a staff team. The debate proved to be very interesting and humorous, but still we were fated to be defeated by Craighead. It was the third time that Pleasant Point had lost to Craighead in the semi-finals while debating at Pleasant Point. Even so, we were very pleased to have got so far. We must, however, thank Mr Browning for the many hours of work he put in, for all the arms he twisted, and the encouragement he gave us.

There was only one other inter-school debate this year, against Methven High School, here at Pleasant Point. The topic was "That Private Motor Cars Should Be Banned". It was debated by, and won by, Ross Holland, Judith Winter and Steven Reid.

These were followed by the junior debating contests, which included a new one for Forms 3 and 4 — so in the future with all the up-and-coming young debaters, perhaps we can break our duck and beat Craighead.

— R. Holland

DIARY OF "SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE" CRUISE

Tuesday, February 4:

Arrived at 11 a.m. Scrubbed decks, got familiar with sails and ship. Nobody seasick — yet.

Wednesday:

Up at 6.20 a.m. for P.T. on wharf. Left port 8 a.m. under sail. Anchored at Motutapa Bay for lunch and lecture on navigation. Left at 2 p.m. in 20-30 knot winds. Heavy seas. Many people spent great deal of time leaning over the rail. Wonder why? Anchored 6.20 in Algie Bay for night. Night watches began.

Thursday:

Up at 6 for P.T. on decks, then over the side for swim round the boat. Water warm. Clean ship duties after breakfast. Then rowing in small boats and outboard. After lunch we sailed for Kawau Island in brisk winds. Rounded Kawau and had winds across ship which created quite a lean and a great amount of wallowing and considerable chundering. Returned to Algie Bay for the night.

Friday:

Did an hour's watch between 4 and 5 a.m. Had to take bearings, wind speed and direction, temperature, depth, etc. Up at 6 for usual workout and swim. After breakfast we did some rope-work and had lectures on weather. After lunch we headed for Mansion House Bay on Kawau Island, under steam. Too many boats there, so we had to return. Wind still too strong to go anywhere under sail.

Saturday:

Up at 6 for usual routine. We sailed to end of Kawau and were dropped off and had to swim ashore with our clothes held above the water. We then had to make our way to the other end of the island as best we could (a distance of about 5 miles theoretically) while instructors took boat back round to Mansion House Bay. As usual, red watch won the race.

Arrived at Mansion House Bay, did a bit of swimming there. Did the boat up with lights, etc. Most spent night on ship. Captain arrived back on board at 2 p.m., along with 3 or 4 boys.

Sunday:

Up at 5 a.m. Set sail for Coromandel after daily routine. Slow trip, doing only about 3 knots. Became becalmed off Coromandel. Put into bay behind Waimete Island.

Monday:

Set off for Coromandel under steam. Landed in small boats and walked a couple of miles to township. Stayed couple of hours and hitched back round to boat. Left Coromandel for a safer night's anchorage.

Tuesday:

Left for Dead Cow Bay to partake in sporting activity: rowing, running, swimming, relays, etc. Red watch won again. Returned to boat and headed for Waiheke Island. Had barbecue that night on the island and swam in freshwater stream. Had lecture on flags and ensigns.

Wednesday:

Usual routine. Had rowing and sailing races. Red watch won again — getting monotonous. Did our night sail. Sailed from 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. and ended up at Motehe Island.

Thursday:

Set sail for Auckland Harbour Bridge. Sailed under with only feet to spare. Picked up passenger from wharf and headed back to Motehe.

Friday:

Set off for harbour without doing P.T. Arrived at wharf at 8 a.m. Left Auckland at 1 p.m. for Wellington on plane and then back to Timaru. Had completed 158 miles on this cruise.

— M. Kuperus

FORM 2 SOCIAL STUDIES FIELD TRIP TO CHRISTCHURCH

Our field trip started at about 9.30 a.m. We travelled to Christchurch by the main road. The bus was driven by Mr Wilson. There were sixty-five pupils that went up, as well as three teachers.

We arrived in Christchurch at about mid-day and ate a packed lunch in the Botanical Gardens. We looked around the gardens and bought things from the canteen. We then walked to the museum and started our work sheets. We concentrated on the Maoris and the Moa hunters. After about an hour and a half we left for Spencer Park, just north of Christchurch. This was where we went and spent the night.

When we arrived, we found that the bus couldn't get through the gate. The rooms we slept in were rather cold and disused. We then ate a very indigestible dinner. We all piled into the bus again, this time to go for a swim at the Q.E.2 Park pool. When we arrived we found the baths closed! After that we returned to camp and ate a very filling supper. Sleep brought relief from our indigestion.

We were up fairly early next day and had a reasonably good breakfast. Then we returned to the Q.E.2 Park Pool and had an hour-long swim. We returned after that to the museum to finish our work sheets.

We had planned to go over the Summit Road but because we were in a hurry we went through the Lyttelton Tunnel instead. After that we went through Christchurch to Hornby and there we had our lunch. Then we started the long journey back to school.

We arrived in time for the buses (just). Thanks to all the staff and parents involved; we had an enjoyable field trip.

— K. Jackson, D. Cunliffe

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FORM 4 PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIP TO ROUND HILL

Rain poured down through the darkness as the long chain of cars pulled slowly out of Pleasant Point on August 10. Finally on that cold, wet morning the Fourth Form boarded their different cars at the ungodly hour of seven, bound for Round Hill. After being postponed because of weather and road conditions, the trip was under way, thanks to the co-operation and determination of teachers, pupils, parents and the weather.

Those of us who were awake at that early hour, while driving to Round Hill, were a little low-spirited as we watched the steady rain fall down all around us. Much to our pleasure, the rain cleared as the sun rose. Those of us who were still not quite awake as we neared our destination, were soon woken up by the long, hard walk we had to face before reaching the Round Hill ski field. The cars couldn't make the final piece of road without chains. Only three cars that had chains could make the grade, much to our discomfort. "We", excluding teachers and parents, started our first ski-ing lesson on that icy, slippery road.

Once we had arrived after much struggling, the ski equipment store was in business. After a little confusion we were all armed and ready to ski. Well, we were ready to try! We were then split into three groups for an hour's instruction. Most of us felt we were back at school, for a couple of the ski instructors had no time or sympathy for the person who knew little about ski-ing. They soon told us where we were going wrong — everywhere! Though they were a little short-tempered and demanding at times, we were glad of the hour's instruction, for it helped some of us to have a little more control over our skis.

We saw many extraordinary sights and most of us experienced many exciting positions to fall in. The day was full of ups and downs, mostly downs, but they only added to the enjoyment of the day. All too soon the day had "slipped by" and it was time for that long walk back to the parked cars.

Though there were a few absences and complaints of sores the next day, we all came back in one piece and a little wiser about the skills and the faults in ski-ing.

The Fourth Form would like to thank Miss Ross, Mr Riach and all the parents who made the trip possible.

— S. Hardie

FORM 5 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Well, we were all ready to take the North Island by surprise. Everyone was seated in the bus, chatting excitedly about the long day which lay ahead of them.

It was Saturday and the time of our departure was about 8 o'clock. Much preparation had gone into this trip and we hoped everything would go ahead as planned.

We arrived at Picton early in the evening, had a good tea and played exciting and often embarrassing games. We took a while to settle but eventually we fell asleep.

We were up early next morning. We were even able to walk down to the wharf. It was another nice day. We arrived at Wellington about lunch-time, after a smooth crossing. An entertaining trip was experienced by all on the top deck! We drove off the boat and decided to have a ride on the cable-cars to see some of the big city. Unfortunately we encountered some difficulty when we didn't realise that we had to pay to come down as well — that's Wellington for ya! Then eventually we arrived at Marton.

The next day we were to go to Rotorua and were preparing for the sulphur smells. On the way we called in at Turangi, where we learnt about the Tongariro Power Scheme — then on a bit further to the Wairakei Thermal Power Plant.

On the first night in Rotorua, which we used as our base camp for three days, we had our first swim in the hot pools. Mr Piper joined the group that night.

Up early again, ready to walk the Waimangu Valley to observe the hot pools and steamy lakes. That afternoon we visited the Kawerau Mill to see the pulp and paper processing. That evening we went to the pictures, "Murder on the Orient Express," but it wasn't as good as we expected.

All up early once again, all prepared for a busy day. Firstly, we arrived at Mr Whitehead's farm at Te Puke where we learnt about dairy farming in that area, followed by a visit to the Te Puke Milk Factory. We then made our way to Mt Maunganui, where we visited the harbour and then lunched on the beach. Our next visit took us to the Citrus Marketing Authority, then to Mr and Mrs Baldock's citrus orchard at Bethlehem. Mr and Mrs Baldock were most generous and gave us a bag of oranges for the whole group. Their fruit sales that day must have done well too, as nearly everyone came home with bags of oranges, grapefruit and mandarins. It was a most entertaining day and to finish it off, another swim in the hot pools.

The next day we left Rotorua and moved down to Turangi. On the way out we visited Whaka, a Maori village where we were shown around and spoken to by a Maori guide. It's really something to see. We continued on to Taupo, where we did our group research exercise — then to the Outdoor Pursuit Centre not far from Turangi. We sat down to an already prepared meal; what a change! We were shown some slides and then went off to bed — a real bed!

We awoke to find yet another lovely day. That day we split up into three groups and we each had a turn at bushcraft, a ropes course and abseiling. That was a most entertaining morning. After lunch we departed for Marton, where we stayed the night.

The next day we crossed back over to Picton. We had another good crossing. That night we had to report about our Taupo group research exercise. The staff gave us a party and we presented each of them with a little gift. Something we hope they won't forget!

Well, we were heading home. Everyone had enjoyed this trip.

On behalf of the group, both sixth and fifth formers, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Piper, Mr Riach, Miss Ross and Miss McLeod for making this trip possible.

— L. Johnson, F. Riach

FORM 7 TRAMP TO TEMPLE VALLEY

March 21 loomed large and clear. This just had to be the day for the beginning of a major expedition of discovery. After weeks of careful preparation we, the adventurous Seventh Form, were well prepared for a weekend in the bush, and if need be, a week in the bush. Laden down with ropes, billies, peanuts, raisins and various other necessities, we set off with slave drivers Riach and Piper on a major Expedition of Biological and Geographical discovery to Temple Valley, Lake Ohau.

After a long journey of grape-eating and a stop-over at Twizel for fish and chips, we arrived at Temple Valley in pitch dark, where we experienced men and women set to and pitched our tents in nothing less than professional style. Several hours later all was ready

and we bedded down for a good sleep in preparation for our big day. Calm as it was at 10.30, by 1.00 a somewhat strong wind had blown up, causing havoc in this peaceful little camp. It was in fact so strong that it managed to blow tent pegs out and tents down; so not to be outdone, we promptly set to and fixed them — only to find ourselves smothered by canvas again in the morning. We rose at 6.30 to feed on assorted breakfasts of corn, marmite, weetbix, canned milk and other Cordon Bleu dishes. We then donned heavy 30lb packs, shorts, heavy boots, insect repellent and our happy little party set off for some distant hut, whose exact location was not known. Our first major obstacle was a tall wire swing (very swingy) bridge — no facilities here.

By morning tea time our adventurous little expedition, which up to this time had been doing very well, stopped for the first and very necessary break. Oh yes, we were surely half way there by now. After gorging on Temple River water, we continued up hill, down dale, through beech forest, bog, shingle slides, tussock and valley, over two wire bridges — or if you preferred, through raging, freezing, rivers — to arrive safe, sound and stonkered at the famed hut. After a lunch and major recuperation, we set off on our main task — to discover the biological and geographical significance of the beech forest and surrounding area. Our mission completed, we returned and cooked dinner, at the same time setting fire to several fire shelters. Dinner was varied and very nutritious — instant spud and frozen veges, seasoned with salt and sugar — yum!

We then all sat round a large fire in the girls' sophisticated bunk room, kindly donated by the boys who had to rough-it in their tents for the night.

After a good, well-deserved night's sleep, we rose, unable to face the thought of the return trip, but as we were brave, fit, tolerant and in the middle of nowhere, we decided that perhaps we'd better return. To our surprise, our previous day's "walk" had made us very much fitter and we returned at a magnificent pace — so good in fact that we were able to view the picturesque surrounding countryside. Of course the generous slave drivers, Piper and Riach, very thoughtfully followed behind, like obedient dogs, with the sole aim of checking to see that no-one had fallen over any bank (and not, as might have been said, to hurry the observant fairer sex up). We finally got to the bus — a delight to our eyes — at . . . 10.30 and cooked another exciting lunch, returning afterwards to Pleasant Point at 3.30. Mission accomplished, exhausting but well worth while. — Thank you, Slave Drivers! — P. Oliver

THE FRENCH EVENING

The French evening was held on July 10 and all of the French classes from Forms 1-5 took part in it. The items included some television advertisements in French from Form 2, a number of songs and poems from Form 1, a play about a French hat shop by Form 5, a French version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" from Form 3, a number of short plays about famous French people, and the highlight of the evening, which was a French Can-Can dance. After the items, supper was served: at the far end of the hall a number of little tables like those you would find in a French restaurant were set out. The parents sat at these and were served with French onion soup, followed by French garlic bread, cakes and savouries. After the parents had dined, the children had their supper. Special thanks should go to Mrs Riach, who put many hours of work into organising the items, decorating the hall with French posters, and organising the supper.

— J. Dockerty

GYM CLUB

This year there has been a keen interest in gymnastics. A lot of younger people have taken up the sport, including a large group of primary children, with the more advanced members of the club instructing as well as working for higher badges.

This year there have been monthly interchanges with the Geraldine Gym Club, which have resulted in many of our club members learning and being able to teach others more difficult feats on the mats and on the parallel bars.

In the third term there was more emphasis on badge-work, with some of the more advanced members competing against other clubs in Timaru. The trampoline also has proved to be very popular and of great value.

Our thanks go once again to Mr Riach who is responsible for the club's enthusiasm, high standard and good reputation.

— J. Waugh

INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The I.S.C.F. group has been organised and run most of this year by an enthusiastic committee which has been supported and advised by Messrs Dunbar, Simpson and Wilkinson.

The group has met every Tuesday lunchtime and shared with each other ideas, fellowship and Bible study with day-to-day relevance to each one of us. From time to time the travelling secretary for I.S.C.F., Mr Noel Ward, visited us as a guest speaker.

A camp was organised at Raincliff and it proved most successful. On the programme was canoeing, horse riding and tramping, camping, round the campfire discussions and Bible study groups. All in all, a good time was had by everyone.

The highlight of Term 3 so far has been the Pancake Evening, to which other I.S.C.F. groups were invited and at which Rev. Peter Millachamp was guest speaker. An admission fee of 20c was charged and, as usual, the proceeds were given to A.N.Z.E.A.

— Mr Wilkinson

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Details of this year's Speech Contests were as follows:

Forms 5, 6 and 7:

Topics: The entertainment of elections
What this country needs is reform
Legs
Letters to the editor
The fun of advertisements
The future of Pleasant Point
That's entertainment!
What a life!

Placegetters: 1st — Helen Moses
2nd equal — Ewan Chapman and Jackie Waugh

Other finalists: Denise Cummings, Ross Holland, Suzette Miller,
Julie Paul, Julie Reid

Judge: Mr C. Knight

Forms 3 and 4:

Topics: It's all in the mind
Sport today
A famous explorer, film star or singer
1975
The pop scene
Modern transport
Clothes today
Where would we be without colour?

Placegetters: 1st — Cheryl Moyle
2nd equal — Sandra Hardie and Nicola Waugh

Other finalists: Philippa Adams, Donald Bailey, Andrew Boys,
Tezeh Broughton, Margaret Davey, Bruce Graham,
Peter Henderson, Shelley Hormann, George Moran

Judge: Mrs R. Todd

Forms 1 and 2:

Topics: A place I'd like to visit
A book or film I enjoyed
A TV. programme I like
What a Venusian will be like
The subject I enjoy most

Placegetters: 1st — Robyn Waugh
2nd — Joanna Braithwaite
3rd — Dee-Anne Guthrie

Other finalists: Ann Belworthy, Graeme Blackler, Lyn
Chisholm, John Dockerty, David Mitchell, Donald
Moses, Helen Stevens, Robert Usmar, Robyn Wilson

Judge: Mrs M. Small

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Forms 5, 6 and 7

First

Karen Hardie

THE AGING

Retired . . .

(nice word for redundant)

And the weekly pension condescends to charity.

I don't want it

But I've got to . . .

live(somehow)

While brothers, sisters, friends leave
me behind

To rest, remember years gone by — incorrectly,
put up with fussing, fanatic doctors, take pills

FACE

The good

The bad

days

nights

ALONE

The Burden — The Dependant
Onec so stubbornly independant

Now

just stubborn

with limbs—they aren't my own. Not the ones that could run,
do up shoe laces, dig gardens, drive cars —

But stiff

slow

shuffling

stick-aided

Inevitable?

. . . must happen

But I

I thought it never would

Forms 5, 6 and 7

Second

Jackie Waugh

THE MAN BEHIND THE DESK

He sat behind his desk and stared at the papers in front of him. His hands, on the desk, were stretched palms upwards, as though in a gesture of indifference. He was well dressed, in an expensive suit with a matching shirt and tie, and with an immaculately pressed handkerchief in his top pocket. His cuff-links shone in the bright light, as did his big ring. He had a very short hair-cut and his thinning but not quite balding hair was grey around the edges. His rimless glasses seemed to make his eyes even harder and colder than they would have otherwise been. They were a bright hard blue that glittered in the light. When he smiled he looked almost human but his smile never reached his eyes. The thin, pale, tight lips seemed to emphasise the coldness and hardness of this man. He gave me a feeling of cool efficiency, of a hard interior, an almost emotionless human being. He was just that — as I was to find out later.

Captain Roster was well known and admired throughout the whole S.S. organisation as a very good soldier. He did his job efficiently and thoroughly. He left nothing undone or half-finished. He was cunning, shrewd and of a very high intellect. He was loyal and, above all, he was almost a genius in the art of strategic warfare and in anticipating and calculating the moves of the enemy. He must be, I thought grimly, all he was supposed to be; after all, he had just caught ME!

Forms 5, 6 and 7

Third

Julie Reid

PHONE CALL

Big important building in London
people upper class, wealthy
Telephone call, police
soft Irish voice
Search for bomb
Explosion
Bodies shattered
blood, skin, bone
pain, emptiness.

Forms 3 and 4

First

Hayden Mitchell

THE HIT

His hands trembled deep inside his overcoat pockets. He tried to reassure himself by concentrating on the icy rain that pelted into his face and ran in what seemed to be an endless torrent down his spine. Stopping, he turned in a complete circle and surveyed the scene around him. No one; just drab, colourless, unlivid-in brick houses, and the road, empty, lifeless and foreboding, with its criss-crossing shadows. He was very nervous, even though he had practised it many times in his head. Into the alley he moved hesitantly.

Half way up he swivelled around at the sound of squealing tyres and revving engine. Screaming at him came a low, green, streamlined ute. He stood rooted to the spot as it hit him with a distinct crack and threw his limp body over it and on to the hard paving below.

"Cut!" yelled someone. "That was great!"

"Iain, you were great!" said someone else.

Iain just smiled as he climbed to his feet and walked away. The thing he liked best about being a stunt-man was that he was so good at it.

Forms 3 and 4

Second

Sandra Hardie

THE MANHUNT

With great caution she picks her way across the damp sand. Looking to her left and then to her right, she scans the horizon. She listens, but for what? She's on the hunt. She desperately looks for a clue — footprints — but autumn is here. The summer has gone and taken with it her prey. The odds are good for her here on the beach in the summer, but now the beach stretches out endlessly, deserted.

They've all gone. Like birds, her prey seems to have migrated, vanished, hidden from her. She's hungry, her needs are great, but she



CANTA MATHS TEAMS

Back row: Donald Bailey, Carolyn Westaway, Shelley Hormann, Brian Curry. Front row: Donna Struthers, John Dockerty, David Cunliffe, Peter Bruce.



FORM 4 TECHNICAL DRAWING

FORM 6 AND 7
TRAMPERS



FORM 6 AND 7
TRAMPERS

FORM 4 SKI-ING AT
ROUND HILL



has prepared herself for the long hunt. Determinedly and confidently she strides on. Reaching some bush, she stands silent, not moving. She has sensed something — a scent perhaps, a feeling. In a flash she's on the trail. Yes, they have been here. Moving alertly, she traces them inland, pausing occasionally to check her surroundings.

On she searches, pushing through the dense undergrowth of deserted car yards and football fields. Yet still there is no sign of her elusive prey. Her step quickens, for she seems to sense they are closer. The trail is stronger, clearer to her. She moves gracefully but rapidly. The competition for her prey is intense and dangerous. She stops again. This is the end of the trail. Everything looks deserted. She doesn't turn back; her well-trained system can sense life. They are here, but where?

She creeps with animal cunning to hide in the undergrowth. She can't have them seeing her and taking fright and running. A sound, from her left. She recognises the sound as the sound of engines. She crawls through the high grass with well-trained skill, stalking, waiting to pounce, trying to discover the sound's source.

A motor bike track, and there they are, in their hundreds. She can feel the excitement mounting in her body. She can feel her heart beating faster, her temperature rising. She can feel the blood rushing through her veins at a dangerous speed. Her eyes scan the hundreds. Which one? She sees "him". He's wounded, standing over the punctured tyre of his motor bike. An easy catch; she's lucky. With great haste but extreme care she emerges; quickly she stalks him from behind.

He looks up, but it's too late. Their eyes meet. His eyes widen, his lips smile back. She purrs with delight and flutters with success and achievement. She's caught him. The manhunt is over.

Forms 3 and 4 Third Hazel Te Koeti OBSERVATIONS

I know who I am
Because that is what I have made myself
But if I want to know who you are
I don't ask and I don't listen to others
I watch for myself
And then make my decision.

Forms 1 and 2 First Dee-Anne Guthrie THE TREATMENT OF OUR FELLOW CREATURES

Have you ever been bullied and played with like an old rubber ball by an older person — or maybe just ignored, treated like a piece of dirt? Of course you have! Nearly everyone in the whole world has been bullied or ignored at some time in their lives. But there are some people who get bullied a lot more than others, and it is these people who probably have an inkling of how our fellow creatures feel — except that the latter more than likely feel ten times worse and a great deal more helpless. To them, almost every human being is a bully at some time or another, whether they mean to be or not. I have played with my pets many a time and more often than not I have been a little over-rough, like a bully. Nearly sixty per cent of the time we forget ourselves and are cruel to animals without meaning to be. Then again, there are others that just don't care. For all the tears they shed over

the welfare of animals, they might as well have stones where their hearts should be. All they think about is themselves — their pleasure, their enjoyment, their safety. From their point of view, nothing else matters. To them poaching and the unnecessary killing of defenceless creatures is a sport. In other words, they like doing it; it's fun. But that's not what I think. I think it's cowardly, as cowardly as shooting a man who has nothing to shoot back with. It is almost the same thing. Animals do not have such highly developed brains as us; therefore they are even more helpless than a man, whose quick thinking could save him. Their only instinct is to RUN, to GET AWAY. Sometimes they succeed but many times the gun brings them crashing down, never to rise again. Even if they do manage to stagger another hundred yards and lose themselves in a hole or a thicket, they usually still die from starvation or loss of blood. Some people say that they love animals and hate to see them hurt, without really meaning it. Are you one of them? Are you a killer of nature? Or do you really mean it? Are you truly sorry for them? Do you know deep down that you care and want to help prevent the cruel treatment of our fellow creatures? If you're sure, then next time Dad says, "Are you coming with me to get rid of a few hares?" or Mum screams from up on the kitchen table, "Eeeeeeeek, a mouse! Set the trap. Do it quickly," think before you do it. Is it really necessary? Do they really cause that much damage? After all, it's their way of living and the only way they know.

Forms 1 and 2

Second

David Cunliffe

THE TRAP

What's that? The peacefulness of the early morning had suddenly become oppressive; even the flies had stopped buzzing. Indeed, the flies had stopped — although there had only been one. A closer look revealed that it had been caught in a spider's web, a trap all flies must beware of.

The fly was at first puzzled that he had come to a standstill in mid-flight, but he soon realised what had happened. He had to move quickly to avoid the terrible master of the web. Frantically he struggled, trying desperately to free himself from those nasty clinging cords, but to no avail; he was stuck fast. Still he struggled on, not knowing that his own movements would attract the spider to him. And come the spider did, balancing like an acrobat on the cords of the web. Suddenly a strand broke, then another and another, and soon the fly was free, but as he lurched forwards into flight he again became enmeshed.

Meanwhile the spider advanced coldly and calmly, waving his fangs and forelegs in the air and glaring at his prey in the way in which a cat does when it sees a helpless mouse. But when the fly saw him come on, he resolved to fight to the last against his terrible foe. Again the spider advanced and this time he did not stop until he had come almost within range of the fly's forelegs. Then he studied the fly, by no means a small one; in fact he was one of the biggest, strongest blowflies the spider had ever seen. The spider's lust for blood overcame his caution and he lunged forward, trying to pierce the fly with his fangs. But he was brought down as the fly viciously waved his two free forelegs, beating off the spider. The fight continued for some time, with the fly beating off the spider's attacks, but the fly was tiring and soon the spider broke through the fly's defence and managed to sting it, although he was badly wounded. Almost immediately the fly began to weaken as the poison clouded his brain. The spider retreated to wait for the deadly poison to act. The fly was fast being overcome but fought desperately to regain control of his limbs.



MR J. R. DALE



FORM 4 SKI-ING AT
ROUND HILL



FORM 3 WOODWORK





BUILDING THE FIVES COURTS . . .



Insert this four between pages 26-27

Soon he could not help drifting and slipping into a deep sleep, slipping, slipping . . . The spider rejoiced at his prize, although it was hard-won, and licked his parched lips as he bound the dead fly in silk. Then he limped back to his lair to lick his wounds and work up an appetite.

Forms 1 and 2

Third

John Dockerty

THE DISCOVERY

At last someone had made a discovery and soon all the men were at the site of the find. Out of the ground poked the stone roof of a small building. Carefully the archaeologists started to brush away the dry, sun-baked earth near the building.

Soon stone walls were revealed, after their many years away from the eyes of man. Night soon fell and the archaeologists were forced to retreat to their tents. Next morning at dawn work commenced again and soon a doorway was unearthed. From now on the archaeologists would have to work with much care, so fine brushes were used to uncover the secrets inside the doorway. Soon stone tools were uncovered and then the bones of many animals that had long since disappeared. The archaeologists brushed further into the building and found the ashes of a fire. They took some of the ancient ashes and found out when they had burnt, with the help of their carbon dating machine. According to the machine they were 705,000 years old. The archaeologists couldn't believe this, so they looked for objects that they could date. After much work in the hot sun, they uncovered a human skull. They dated this and found that it was the same age as the ashes. The excavations went on and soon the archaeologists came to the floor of the building. In the floor was a small hole, just large enough for a man to get through. Carefully the smallest of the archaeologists climbed through the hole and into an underground room. In this room was a stone statue that the inhabitants of the building must have worshipped as a god. All around this small room were tools, weapons, clothes and a form of dried food. This was indeed an advanced civilisation. It was 500,000 years ahead of any civilisation on earth at its time. Now a new discovery would have to be added to the history books.

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Sports Reports

(The following sports reports were submitted by the coaches concerned)

THE SPORTING YEAR

This school certainly gives its pupils a wide choice of sporting opportunities and, by and large, they respond with good individual and team participation. We are certainly most fortunate in having such good facilities and grounds which are equal to or better than any other schools of our size. A new asset is our fives courts/volley board complex — the result financially of activities such as bottle drive, major production and other school activities and also a lot of hard work by members of the staff and pupils in the concrete work. This facility is being widely used and a fives championship will be run. There have been many very good team and individual efforts recorded this year and these will be found in detail in the following reports.

SWIMMING SPORTS, Friday, February 21:

Cool, damp conditions prevailed but this didn't deter a very good turn-out of parents and some excellent competition. Of great interest was the struggle between George Zwarts and David Usmar for the Senior Boys' Championship. At the end of the day they finished first equal. Joanne Jackman rewrote the record book in her grade and continues to be our most promising swimmer.

Champions were:

Boys:

Senior: George Zwarts and David Usmar (equal). Junior: Ian Hardie. FI and II: Kevin Hessel.

Girls:

Senior: Jackie Waugh. Junior: Joanne Jackman. FI and II: Anne Belworthy.

Diving:

Senior: Alison Muir
Junior: Annette Barker
FI and II: Sheryl Walsh

House Competition:

1. Tainui. 2. Takitimu. 3. Arawa. 4. Tokomaru.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS, Saturday, March 15:

Once again the competition was very strong and to be placed in the finals was a credit. Congratulations to Joanne Jackman who gained 3 seconds, 1 third and 1 fourth. Lyn Barker, George Zwarts and David Usmar were also placed in finals. Elizabeth Usmar, Paul Higinbottom and Jackie Waugh did well to reach the finals. Our relay teams performed creditably.

INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS, Monday, March 17:

Cyclone Alison, a somewhat disastrous storm, caused the postponement of this event from the previous week. The most successful of our competitors were Anne Belworthy, Sheryl Walsh, Andrew Jackman, Robyn Waugh and Kevin Hessel.



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SCENES FROM THE ATHLETICS SPORTS

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, Tuesday, March 18:

A fine day and a good turn-out of parents helped to make the Athletic Sports a success.

Champions were:

Senior Boys: David Usmar and Nicholas Paul (equal).

Junior Boys: Paul Robinson.

Under 14 Boys: Andrew Boys.

Under 12½ Boys: Donald Moses.

Senior Girls: Belinda Boys.

Junior Girls: Wendy Carter.

Under 14 Girls: Christine Hart and Beth O'Leary (equal).

Under 12½ Girls: Paula Todd.

House Competition:

1. Tokomaru. 2. Tainui. 3. Takitimu. 4. Arawa.

INTER-COUNTRY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS SPORTS, Saturday, March 15:

The early date of this meeting caused some problems, namely a clash with the Inter-Schools' Swimming Sports and difficulty in choosing a team. However Temuka are to be congratulated on a well-run meeting and the day was an enjoyable one for our competitors.

MID-SOUTH CANTERBURY INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS, Wednesday, March 26:

A very enjoyable day was held at Geraldine and as usual the competition was very strong.

Firsts: David Usmar (Senior Triple Jump), Jackie Waugh (Junior High Jump).

Seconds: Paul Robinson (Junior Triple Jump), Joy Struthers (Junior Shot Put).

Third: Fiona Riach (Intermediate Discus).

Other very good performances were by Wendy Carter, George Zwarts, Paul Bartrum, Lynette Barker, Nicholas Paul and Paula Todd.

CROSS COUNTRY, Thursday, April 17:

This year we had the best participation ever, with all the boys and most of the girls competing. Most runners made a real effort and a very interesting house competition resulted.

Results were:

Senior Boys: 1. Nicholas Paul, 2. Greg Adams, 3. John Merritt.

Intermediate Boys: 1. John Schurink, 2. Paul Robinson, 3. Stephen Casey.

Junior Boys: 1. Peter Goodman, 2. Andrew Steven, 3. Mark Cone.

Senior Girls: 1. Julie Reid, 2. Lesley Johnson, 3. Susan Fairbairn.

Intermediate Girls: 1. Shelley Hormann, 2. Annette Barker, 3. Fay Roberts.

Junior Girls: 1. Paula Todd, 2. Maria Moran, 3. Helen Steven.

House Competition:

1. Tainui. 2. Arawa. 3. Tokomaru. 4. Takitimu.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY, Wednesday, July 30:

Waimate was host school this year and most events went well but a somewhat unusual incident occurred in the Senior Girls' event, where the leading runners went the wrong way and finished about 6 miles away. This event was re-run the following week.

Our outstanding competitor was Nicholas Paul, who was placed second in the Senior Boys' race in a very good time. He also ran well in the Canterbury Cross Country Event in Christchurch. Maria Moran and Julie Reid did well to finish sixth in their respective races, while mention must also be made of the fine efforts of John Schurink (eighth) and Greg Adams (tenth) in one of the toughest competitions of the day.

WINTER FIXTURES:

June 16: v Fairlie High School.
July 8: v Methven High School.
July 23: v Twizel High School.
August 13: v Timaru College.
August 14: v Waihi College.

The full details and results of these interchanges will be included in the individual sports reports.

Thanks once again to Mr Miller, for his help and co-operation over the year and also a special thanks to the staff. The school is fortunate in having a staff who are keenly interested in sport.

—Mr Wilson.

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BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS

These winter sports continued this year, though with a smaller number of girls. Two badminton courts and two table tennis tables were in continuous use in the high school hall, as well as a table tennis table in the primary school hall, the use of which we are most grateful for. Playing against Fairlie High School, we lost 8-6, while 24 Staff-Student games were played at the end of Term Two, the staff narrowly winning by 13-11.

Coach: Mr Simpson.

BASKETBALL

Boys' "A" Team:

The season began well for all basketballers when the Director of the National Basketball team gave our players an hour and a half work-out in the school hall. The Boys' A team did well in the local competition, winning the Boys' Open Secondary Schools Competition. David Usmar, who had earlier attended a week-long national coaching clinic from which he emerged with the trophy for the most improved player, had the misfortune to break his arm part way through the season and he was sadly missed when we played in the preliminary rounds of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships at Ashburton; however, the team played bravely. It was encouraging to see the team learn to take over the role of goal scoring so that when the team was complete again by the end of the season they had welded into an intelligent unit.

In the end of season tournament the Boys' A team was seeded through to the second round. Being beaten narrowly in a game played with shortened time because the tournament was dragging behind schedule was a disappointment, but our congratulations go to Twizel who beat us 15-12 and to Timaru B.H.S. who ran out the winners of the final.

At a brief ceremony at the end of the day Pleasant Point was presented with the cup as the winner of the year's competition, four points ahead of the next team, Timaru B.H.S. David Usmar received the trophy for the best player on offence.

Results of Secondary Schools' Basketball League:

Played 13 games, won 12, drew 1.

Results of games played in inter-school sporting exchanges:

v Fairlie, won 34-15.
v Twizel, lost 12-10.

Team members were: Paul Bartrum (captain), David Usmar (captain, August and September), Des Teahen, Murray Kuperus, John Merritt, Paul Cobden, Ross Holland, Greg Hormann, Ewan Chapman.

Coach: Mr Riach.

Under-16 Boys' Team:

The team improved markedly as the season progressed. Early in the season they sustained a series of defeats, but they then learnt to play as a team rather than as individuals and they managed to beat all but two teams in the competition. Although their performance was inconsistent, it is their flashes of brilliance that will be remembered, when several team members succeeded in linking up with each other and pulled off routines and moves that had been planned and practised beforehand.

Derek McClelland, at centre, showed drive and determination, and this, together with his height under the basket, made him the team's most prolific goal-scorer. Ian Hardie and John Clemens gave able support in the fore-court, with John becoming something of a specialist with his long shots from near the corner. Peter Westaway continued to gain confidence throughout the season, developing into a reliable guard with a very handy lay-up shot.

The team finished in fourth place in the competition.

Team members were: Ian Hardie (capt.), Gavin Beach, Steven Bell, John Clemens, Derek McClelland, Tom Moore, Peter Westaway, Barry Wilson.

Coach: Mr Browning.

Under 14 Boys' Team:

Most of the team were newcomers to the game but they worked hard and learned quickly. The improvement in the team's play towards the end of the season was very marked and, after a string of early heavy defeats, it was eventually able to notch up three victories.

Team members were: Peter Henderson (captain), John Chapman, Andrew Fairbairn, Alister Riach, Paul Higinbottom, Roger Tegelaars.

Coach: Mr Macfarlane.

Form 3 Boys' Country Team:

All newcomers to the game, the boys improved immensely during the season. The less said about scores the better, as even the city slickers in the Town Team gave us a hard time. It was an enjoyable first season and all the boys are keen to play again next year.

Team members were: H. Mitchell, M. Clemens, D. Schurink, P. Priest, J. Woods, B. Curry, S. Bartrum, A. Jackman.

Coach: Mr Waugh.

Girls' Teams:

Interest and enthusiasm continued this year and twenty girls braved the frosty weather to attend 8 a.m. practices twice a week. A team was entered in each of the three grades in the Friday night Secondary Schools' Competition in Timaru. The opportunity to play regularly against other schools was appreciated by the players and the games were much enjoyed, all three teams finishing fourth in their respective grades. Thanks must be conveyed to the parents who provided transport throughout the season.

Team members were:

Open grade: Karen Hardie, Lyn Barker, Susan Fairbairn, Dorothy Te Koeti, Pam Blakemore, Kathy Zwartz, Dawn Bartrum.

Under 16: Liz Usmar, Joan Beck, Fiona Riach, Joy Blakemore, Jackie Waugh, Denise Cummings, Hazel Te Koeti.

Under 14: Shelley Hormann, Nicola Waugh, Joanne Jackman, Nicola Barrett, Christine Hart, Sandra Hardie.

Coach: Miss Ross.

HOCKEY

Boys:

It was pleasing to see this year a renewed interest in this game. While the school is now not entering teams in the local competitions, several of our players achieved representative status while playing for outside clubs.

This year we played two inter-school games, against Waihi and Timaru College, and while the results were not very flattering to our teams, the games were much enjoyed by the players.

Players to stand out during those games were: Paul Rolston, Graham Crawford and Hamish McKenzie. We hope that this renewal of interest will be continued in the future.

Team members were: A. Welch, P. Rolston, J. Gray, M. Gebbie, B. McHaffie, H. McKenzie, C. Milne, R. Usmar, E. Roberts, A. Stowell, G. Crawford, P. Dixon, B. Cleland, B. Curry, K. Gebbie, C. McIvor, R. Skinner, R. Tegelaars.

Coach: Mr Rodgers.

Girls' 1st XI:

There was keen interest in girls' hockey this season and the teams improved as the season progressed. This year we managed to support three teams instead of our normal two.

Annual inter-school match results were:

v Fairlie, 0-7, who were a strong team but Point weren't easily beaten.

v Methven, 0-6.

v Twizel, 7-0. This was a good game for Point with plenty of team play.

Team members were: Barbara Struthers, Patricia Oliver, Julie Paul, Denise Kerr, Elizabeth Usmar, Elizabeth Stowell, Jan Tapper, Kerry Dobbs, Jackie Waugh, Margaret Davey, Joy Struthers, Dianne Stoddart and Helen Moses.

Coach: Mr Piper.

Girls' 2nd XI:

Annual inter-school match results were:

v Fairlie, 0-6, no team play but individual players fought hard.

Team members were: Juliana Usmar, Erica Esler, Dawn Bartrum, Judith Harkness, Noelene Gugich, Cathy Wallace, Viki Rose, Nicola Waugh, Lyn Mori, Viki Blair, who played extremely well for their first year.

Coach: Mr Piper.

Girls' Form 1 and 2 Team:

An enthusiastic team from Forms 1 and 2 played Fairlie, Methven and a boys' team from Waihi. They played three fine games.

Annual inter-school match results were:

v Fairlie, 1-1.

v Methven, 1-1.

v Waihi, 0-2.

Team members were: Donna Struthers, Bronwyn Milne, Tania de Hoon, Carol Jackson, Annette Smith, Janine Munro, Suzanne Roberts, Shona Dockerty, Sally Quantock, Nikola Wilson, Barbara Hullen.

Coaches: H. Moses, Mrs Riach.

LIFE SAVING

A keen sports group met at lunch times and sports periods to practise life saving land-drill and water skills. Their efforts were rewarded when three lady examiners from the Royal Life Saving Society came out from town, and all who completed their set tasks were successful.

Awards were:

Junior Instructor's Certificate: Ross Holland, John Merritt.

Bronze Medallion: Ross Holland, Greg Hormann.

Intermediate Star: Anne Belworthy, Shelley Hormann, Joanne Jackman, Nicky Waugh, Gary Goodman, Stuart Hessel, Greg Hormann.

Coach: Mr Simpson.

NETBALL

"A" Team:

With Miss Ussher absent overseas the "A" Team was fortunate enough to get the able coaching services of Mrs M. Robertson. The team appreciated the time which she so readily gave to guide and encourage both the "A" and "B" Teams. Mr Waugh acted as manager for the teams when Mrs Robertson couldn't be present.

The "A" Team very quickly became a unit, despite the fact that one or two players had to move to new positions. Regular team matches and fine leadership from Karen and Susan (joint captains) meant the team entered each game with the best of sporting attitudes. Generally it was a very successful season.

Results: v Fairlie — won 23-21
v Twizel — won 30-18
v Methven — won 26-22
v Timaru College — lost 16-36

Team members were: Karen Hardie, Susan Fairbairn, Kathy Zwartz, Lesley Johnson, Pamela Blakemore, Dorothy Te Koeti, Christine Casey, Adrienne Keeman, Jacqui Carter.

"B" Team:

This team took much longer to settle into its best form. It had plenty of height but at times the players lacked confidence in themselves and often didn't play to their potential till too late in the game. As usual, their positions were often changed to provide reserves for the "A's". This is always the unhappy lot of the "B" Team, but the experience will surely stand them in good stead next year.

Results: v Fairlie — lost 19-24
v Methven — lost 20-25
v Twizel — won 22-12
v Timaru College — lost 12-17

Team members were: Judith Winter, Alison Muir, Lyn Barker, Julie Reid, Joy Blakemore, Joan Beck, Colleen Christey, Denise Cummings.

Form 4 Team:

A keen group of players, the two teams progressed during the season. Initially we recorded two losses against Fairlie and Methven, however the games against Timaru College were most successful. The

"A" team won 44-9 and the "B" team won 26-9. Towards the end of the season a strong sense of co-ordination and quick movement became evident. The final games against Mercy College were hard and close games and, although the teams did not win, they played good netball.

All players were enthusiastic and showed improvement during the season. Shelley Muir proved to be an accurate and reliable goal shoot, Angela Bowker worked steadily as wing defence and Belinda Braithwaite as wing attack and Tezeh Broughton as centre formed an effective attacking partnership.

Team members were: "A" Team: Heather Biggs, Angela Bowker, Tezeh Broughton, Belinda Braithwaite, Wendy Carter, Shelley Muir, Nikki Moses.

"B" Team: Angelique Little, Philippa Adams, Hazel Te Koeti, Faye Roberts, Cheryl Moyle, Sandra Hardie, Debbie More, Judy Rolston, Elizabeth Ryan.

Coach: Miss McLeod.

Form 3 Team:

The Third Form netball team, as such, played one inter-school match only, against Fairlie. The result was a 9-9 draw.

Two of our best players, Julie Smith and Lyn Tapper, played in the Fourth Form team which won against Timaru College. Three players also joined the Fourth Form team which played after school against Mercy College.

Members of the team to play Fairlie were: Beth O'Leary, Paula Scott, Joanne Jackman, Julie Smith, Judith Tiffen, Lyn Tapper and Nicky Barrett.

Coach: Mrs Egan.

Form 1 and 2 Teams:

Three inter-school games were played with the following results:

v Fairlie — A: lost 9-6. B: won 13-4. C: lost 9-3. D: won 10-5.
v Methven — A: lost 14-5. B: lost 11-2.
v Pleasant Point Convent — A: lost 14-2. B: lost 8-5.

Form 2 players were: Sharon Hornblow, Heather McHaffie, Sonia More, Joanna Braithwaite, Anne Belworthy, Joanna Bowker, Suzanne Inkster, Lynnley Wilson, Catherine Paterson, Susan Oliver, Lyn Henderson, Christine Agnew, Melanie Boake, Marcia Hide, Maria Moran, Christine Annett.

Form 1 players were: Deborah Stocker, Neroli Broughton, Sheryll Walsh, Karen Hormann, Phillipa Blair, Nicola Moorehouse, Maryanne Guthrie, Paula Todd, Maxine Cameron, Robyn Waugh, Rachel McPherson, Robyn Diamond, Dianne Purcell.

Coach: Miss Ross.

RUGBY

1st XV:

At the start of the year the potential 1st XV looked promising, but a number of key players left school before the season began, or were injured, and as a result the team was much weaker than might have been hoped.

The forwards tried hard but lacked weight and height, and found clean possession difficult to obtain. As a result, the backs had relatively few chances.

Murray Kuperus, the captain, and Des Teahen, the vice-captain, always worked hard in the pack, as did Lindsay Purcell, Anthony Christie and Grant Fowler.

The most dangerous back was Derek McClelland but Paul Ryan, at halfback, and Owen Raynor, as first five-eighth, played well.

Results: v Fairlie — lost 30-7

v Methven — lost 22-6

v Twizel — won 11-4

v Timaru College — lost 42-0

Team members were: Murray Kuperus, Des Teahen, Ian Hardie, Lindsay Purcell, Anthony Christie, Grant Fowler, Ross Holland, John Sim, Gary Goodman, Paul Ryan, Owen Raynor, Derek McClelland, Ian Neale, John Merrit, Paul Bartrum, Stephen Reid, Darryl Kelynack, Greg Adams.

Coach: Mr Macfarlane.

2nd XV:

A bad season for us. We lost 100% of our games — actually we played and lost only two. Despite this record we enjoyed our games. Against Fairlie we were outgunned up front and so went down to a well-drilled combination. The game against Timaru College could have been a fiasco. With three tries scored against us in ten minutes, we were in deep trouble. Thankfully, we pulled ourselves together and held the opposition to a respectable score.

Players who helped hold the team together were John Clemens, Steven Casey, Greg Hormann and Stephen Bell.

Team members were: G. Honeywell, D. Kelynack, J. Clemens, G. Hormann, G. Goodman, N. Paul, K. White, P. Higginbottom, G. Henderson, P. Priest, S. Casey, B. Wilson, A. Rowland, J. Chapman, A. Boys, S. Bell, G. Beach, H. Mitchell, P. Moore.

Coach: Mr Dunbar.

Form 3 Team:

The team unfortunately had only one game in the season, when they were beaten by Fairlie High School. As a team the boys showed a good approach to the game and they were well led by H. Mitchell and S. Casey.

Team members were: H. Mitchell (capt.), J. Cummings, D. Johnson, A. Baker, J. Woods, A. Riach, A. Fairbairn, A. Boyes, R. Tegelaars, M. Grimward, J. Dossett, P. Priest, S. Casey, M. Guthrie, A. Casey, P. Higinbottom.

Coach: Mr Riach.

Form 1 and 2 Team:

One win and two losses is not a great record, but this team practised hard and were real triers. Stephen Bartrum, Kevin Hessel, Greg Bailey and Alex Struthers were the strongest players and should do well in the future.

Results: v Fairlie — won 10-6

v Methven — lost 8-30

v Waihi — lost 4-37

Team members were: K. Hessel (capt.), G. Blackler, J. Crawford, A. Struthers, S. Bartrum, A. Miller, M. Henderson, D. Mitchell, B. Waters, W. Cowan, W. Butters, G. Kelynack, K. Jackson, G. Bailey, N. Wallis, D. Cunliffe, T. Grimward, A. Jackman.

Coach: Mr Wilson.

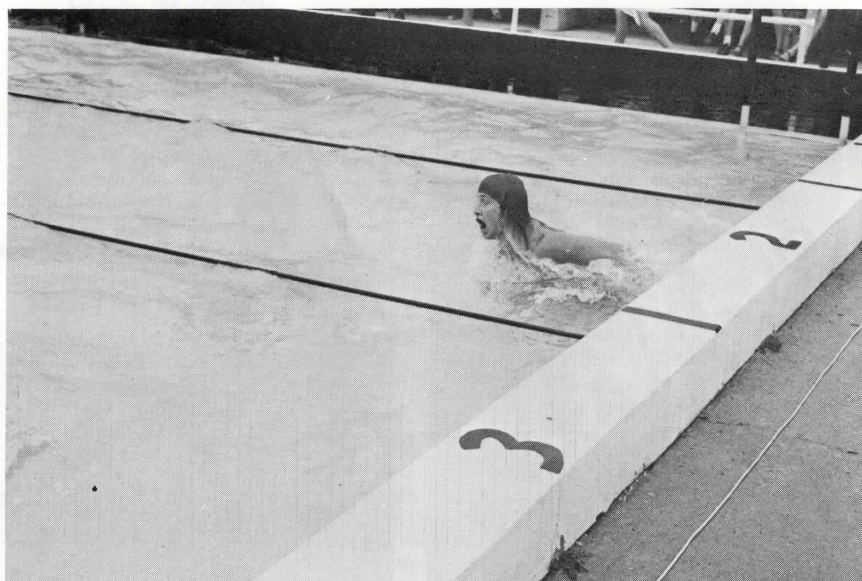


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SOCCER

1st XI:

Although several key players from last year's team remained at school, some of them sought greener pastures in other sports this year and it looked as if the 1st XI would have a struggle for survival. But the opposite proved to be the case, for the 1st XI had one of its most successful seasons ever, remaining unbeaten. That is not to say that it won its inter-school games easily; indeed, they were all thrillers, being very hard fought and close games—in spite of the apparently clear margins indicated by the scores.

After trailing Fairlie till half-time, Point managed to get an equaliser early in the second half; and the game hung in the balance till five minutes from the end, when Point scored the winning goal. But the result was kept in doubt right to the end, with Point pulling all their players back in defence and trying desperately to stem the very determined Fairlie attack.

In the game against Methven, with five minutes to play the score seemed destined to remain at 2-2, which was probably a fair indication of the run of play. But in that last eventful five minutes Point scored another four times—an incredible but very satisfying feat. Similarly, the game against Twizel was fairly even, but Point slowly gained ascendancy in the last quarter of the game.

The last match, against the Timaru College under-16 team, provided a suitable climax to the year's competition. The score see-sawed several times during the game, ending in an honourable draw—a very fair result.

Once again it was Richard Hinchcliffe's dominance in mid-field and his intelligent setting up of play that steadied the team and gave it a lot of scoring opportunities. On defence, the key player was undoubtedly Paul Cobden, who came to the rescue when the defence was in dire straits and repeatedly set up attacks with his long clearing kicks or penetrating runs down the wing.

A particularly good effort was the self-training and dedication of Jon Palmer. Before this season he had never played in goal, yet by the end of the season he had developed into a reliable goalkeeper. Graham Baker was one of the more energetic and successful strikers, featuring in some skilful runs and scoring several well-deserved goals.

Results: v Fairlie — won 2-1
v Methven — won 6-2
v Twizel.— won 5-3
v Timaru College — drew 3-3

Team members were: Richard Hinchcliffe (capt.), Jon Palmer, Paul Cobden, Bruce Graham, Duncan Evans, Bill Rose, Graham Baker, Graeme Cowan, John Schurink, Peter Westaway, David Schurink, Neil Meade, Des Wallis, Ricky Wederell.

Coach: Mr Browning.

Form 1 and 2 Team:

This year the form 1 and 2 soccer team was captained by Peter Goodman, with Donald Moses as vice-captain. The team never lacked in enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and practise.

Results: v Fairlie — drew 1-1.
v Methven — lost 7-0

Team members were: David Bell, Miles Carter, Barry Flowers, Peter Goodman, Peter Jackson, Bobby Merritt, Donald Moses, Thomas Maguire, Fraser McKenzie, Alan Mori, David Skinner, Andrew Steven, John Dockerty, Richard Moyle, Peter Oliver.

Coach: Mr Wilkinson.

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The frost is cold and icy,
Shiver, Shiver, Shiver.
The sun shines on the frost,
Glitter, Glitter, Glitter.
As you walk through the frost,
Crunch, Crunch, Crunch,
See the cows chewing hay,
Munch, Munch, Munch.

— Grant Kelynack, 1S

YOU

Look at you, needing a couple of stiff drinks before you can face another day.

Look at you, proclaiming peace to everybody while you bombed and machine-gunned innocent people in Vietnam.

Look at you, fouling up the land, polluting the water and air for money and calling this age the "Modern Society".

Look at you, jailing a person who broke a window and letting somebody who murdered a baby by abortion go free.

Look at you.

And you think you're going to tell my generation how to live . . . ?

You've got to be kidding.

— David Rush, 5X1

THOUGHTS

Sitting by the sea-shore
and listening to the
breaking of the waves and
the rushing of the wind
around me, and the
whistling of the seagulls
flying high above me.
Oh boy, I wish I could be
a bird or the wind, instead
of being a lonely wretch.

— Tracey Dyer, 3X2

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR

Car — Noise
Footsteps Knock at the door
Man Gun!
Blood
Crash!
Running
Car — Noise

— Adrienne Keeman, 5X2

RAIN ON THE ROOF AT NIGHT
(in bed)

The drizzling sheets of darkness fall
on warm thought blankets.
Pillowing
 splashes of day.
 drip . . . thoughts
 drip . . . cares
 drip . . . problems
 then drop them
Rinsing
 Cleaning
 the day's tensions
from the nerve clouds, bedded dark in body and mind
Turning the last drops of day into
puddles
of . . .

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— Karen Hardie, 7

BLIND!

I turned over to hear my alarm ringing. I reached over to pick up the clock to see what the time was.

I couldn't see a thing. Questions ran through my head. The clock was a luminous one, so why couldn't I see it? How come it was so dark when the birds were singing outside?

I reached for my bed-lamp and pressed the switch. I heard the click but still darkness surrounded me. Then that horrid thought came into my head: had I gone blind? I knew my eyes were weak, and I hadn't done a thing about them.

I tried to keep this idea out of my mind.

Perhaps I had forgotten to turn on the power to my lamp at the wall. No. I remembered I had been reading the night before. Could they have brought the power cuts in a week early? No, it wouldn't be so dark.

I must be blind! I shook at this notion. I can't be, me; I've got to work and drive a car; I just couldn't afford to be blind.

I reached over to my duchesse and pulled myself out of bed.

How was I to know what to put on?

I couldn't even remember where I had left my clothes the night before.

I usually put my dressing gown out on my stool but that night I had been too tired to even think about the next day.

I shuffled about for half an hour, banging into things I didn't even remember putting there. I finally plucked up courage to venture out of the bedroom. I built a picture of the hallway, the stairs and the kitchen in my mind and moved down from the top bedroom to the stairs. I held tightly to the bannister as I took the stairs slowly and quietly. At the bottom of the stairs I bumped into the telephone table.

I picked up the receiver and dialed four numbers. Whose number it was, or even if it was anybody's, I didn't know.

The phone was dead.

Again I began to panic. No contact whatsoever with the rest of the world.

How were they to know I was blind? Would anyone come to find me? What was I going to do?

The nearest house was three miles away. Could I walk down there? I remembered my Girl Guide days. In times of trouble. . . . It was so long ago that I couldn't remember what the rest of that song was. Anyway, what use was it to me? I wasn't in trouble—I was terrified!

I tried to cut some bread for toast, and I must have nicked my fingers about ten times before I got even one piece of bread. I turned the dial on the toaster, and waited for my one piece of toast.

Still I worried about how I was going to get away from this place. How could I get in contact with someone who could see?

I stumbled to the telephone once more. I dialed four numbers, hopefully not the same ones I had dialed before. Again the phone didn't do anything.

My heart started beating faster as my nostrils picked up the smell of . . . burning toast.

Blast! I must have turned the dial the wrong way. How was I to know?

That smell stuck with me all morning. When I started to starve I knew it was lunch time. For all I knew I might have skipped dinner altogether.

For the next three or four hours my stomach was my clock.

Then I heard the sound of a vehicle coming up the road.

Could it be Terry? Was help at hand?

— Tezeh Broughton, 4X2

TODAY, TOMORROW AND YESTERDAY

The shadows of Today make me aware
of the reality of Tomorrow,
But Tomorrow will be just another day
which will make me aware of Yesterday.

— Lesley Johnson, 5X1

THE LAST TWELVE FEET

Closer towards the edge
Wondering, Wondering
Will I or won't I?
Wondering
The edge is in sight
Suicide.

— Nikola Wilson, 2R

RIDING

Going up and down rhythmically,
Reaching great climaxes in speed,
Going from fast to slow,
Stopping and starting,
Jumping great obstacles;
Riding hard is fun.

— Garry Goodman, 5X2

MUTUAL DEPENDENCE

Without this black pen

I could not write.

Without this white paper

I could not write.

To be able to write

I need

Both black and white.

So black cannot do

Without white and

White cannot do

Without black.

— Julie Smith, 3X1

SPRING

Spring is a lovely time of the year, when every bush is in bud and every bird is singing and gay. Every dog is sniffin' trees, as all dogs will do. The cats love the sun and warmth, seeking just a kind word, a friendly pat. Spring is also a time for young lovers, and weddings bloom in the air like softly falling petals.

— Kenneth Cowie, 2W

A RUNNER'S DREAM

"Come on, Pete lad!" said my conscience, and I gave another burst of speed. One hundred metres, eighty metres, fifty metres. "Come on, Jablonski! Do it if it kills ya'!" yelled the coach. Twenty metres, ten, five, four, three — that was the last thing I remembered.

Next thing I was on the shoulders of two guys. I had won the ten kilometre track race! I couldn't believe it. I'd really won!

As I was taken up in front of the Queen, I couldn't help but yell and jump around with joy and pride. After quietening down a bit and feeling very embarrassed, I went up and collected my gold medal.

I started to get down from the stand but tripped and fell flat on my face. I picked myself up and looked around. I saw my bed all jumbled up. My twin brother was looking at me as if I'd gone mad. "Fell out of bed," I mumbled, trying not to go red.

"Man, that was some fall," he said, laughing. "Nothing to do with the school hundred metres, has it?"

"No, nothing. Now go to sleep before Dad comes in."

— Jon Woods, 3X1

THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

The old hack, Ginger, had stumbled into a rabbit hole and broken his foreleg. Old Joe, the farmer, walked despondently home to get the gun. He entered the kitchen and mumbled something unintelligible in answer to his wife's query.

Sadly he carried his double-barrelled shotgun out to the paddock. He knelt beside the fallen horse and, unable to look into his trusting brown eyes, he mumbled faintly, "Sorry, old boy; that's the way it's gotta be."

The quiet old man was thinking, "Surely the horse's leg would heal."

But no, deep down in the old man's heart he knew the leg would never heal. He was tempted to call one of the hired men to do the job,

but Joe was not one to shirk his responsibilities. With a sigh he heaved himself to his feet. Angry at the tears that blurred his eyesight, he savagely rammed a cartridge into the gun, and squinted down the dirty barrel. The shot rang out. For a moment Joe stood there, looking at his horse's now unrecognisable head, then he dropped the gun and walked away . . . no longer ashamed of his tears.

— Jo-Anne Jackman, 3X1

THE LAST TRIBUTE

Alone

By the canal

Clad in rags,

He stands

Watching

Cans float out to sea.

Slowly he begins to remember

A home he once had,

A roaring fire,

Warmth,

Comfort,

A friend to rely on.

Now,

After suffering,

Enduring pain

And worry,

He is discarded.

Now he isn't needed.

Like those cans,

He has to make his own way.

But to where?

There is no home, fire, warmth

Or friend for him

On the park bench.

That's all society can give.

— Margaret Paterson, 4X1

UNBORN

Whose fault?

Not mine says she,

Nor mine says he.

This child is not wanted,

Nobody would care,

So why bring him into

this mad polluted world?

Save him the pain

he would have to endure,

this poor helpless creature.

— Cindy Hurst, 4X1

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Back row: David Usmar, Alex Struthers, Malcolm Kelynack, Nicholas Paul, Des Teahen, Bruce Graham. Middle row: Sandra Hardie, Denise Kelynack, Jackie Hide, Susan Fairbairn, Lyn Barker, Judith Winter, Nicola Waugh, Mr Waugh, David Mitchell. Front row: Shona Dockerty, Paula Todd, Patricia Oliver, Murray Kuperus, Helen Moses, Pam Blakemore, Karen Hardie.



DEBATING TEAM

Jackie Waugh, Ross Holland, Karen Hardie, Mr Browning

FORM VI CHARACTERS

Boys:

ROSS HOLLAND

Nickname: Hoss
Proposed Career: Dentist
Possible Career: Car Wrecker
Theme Song: I'm a Pink Toothbrush, You're a Blue Toothbrush

GREG HORMANN

Nickname: Hormone
Proposed Career: Teacher
Possible Career: Shop Assistant in Miss Timaru
Theme Song: My Girl Bill

MURRAY KUPERUS

Nickname: Jew
Proposed Career: Craftsman
Possible Career: Prophet
Theme Song: Uptown Two Step Mississippi Toodle Loo

ROBERT McTAGUE

Nickname: Roberty Boberty
Proposed Career: Technician
Possible Career: Grape Squasher
Theme Song: Do What You Do Do Well

JOHNNY MERRITT

Nickname: Mary Div
Proposed Career: Lincoln College
Possible Career: Cradle snatcher
Theme Song: Carolina on My Mind

DES TEAHEN

Nickname: Horse
Proposed Career: Panel Beater
Possible Career: Connoisseur of Alcoholic Beverages
Theme Song: Seven Drunken Nights

DAVID USMAR

Nickname: Spider
Proposed Career: Navy
Possible Career: Ceiling Painter
Theme Song: All Fingers and Thumbs

ALISTER WELCH

Nickname: Ali
Proposed Career: Draughtsman
Possible Career: Strong Man in the Circus
Theme Song: Tiptoe through the Tulips

Girls:**DAWN BARTRUM**

Nickname: Ricie
 Proposed Career: Teacher
 Possible Career: Busy Bee Secretary
 Theme Song: Leader of the Pack

PAMELA BLAKEMORE

Nickname: Blackie Chinese
 Proposed Career: Teacher
 Possible Career: Laundry Assistant
 Theme Song: Ying Tong Song

COLLEEN CHRISTY

Nickname: Bear Hunter
 Proposed Career: Policewoman
 Possible Career: Udder-puller
 Theme Song: I'm the Wild One

LOIS CHISHOLM

Nickname: Flo
 Proposed Career: Nurse
 Possible Career: Nun
 Theme Song: Po Po the Puppet

SUZETTE MILLER

Nickname: Chuckles
 Proposed Career: Journalist
 Possible Career: The Goons
 Theme Song: Little Honda

HELEN MOSES

Nickname: Holy Moses
 Proposed Career: Clerical
 Possible Career: Barmaid
 Theme Song: Little Old Wine-drinking Me

ELIZABETH STOWELL

Nickname: Chubby Chops
 Proposed Career: Policewoman
 Possible Career: Bunny Girl
 Theme Song: Laughing Policeman

JUDITH WINTER

Nickname: Big Red
 Proposed Career: Teacher
 Possible Career: Wrestler
 Theme Song: Here Comes Summer

School Roll**FORM 7****Mr Dunbar****Boys:**

Bartrum, P.
 Chapman, E.
 Hinchcliffe, R.
 Jackson, C.
 Paul, N.
 Reid, S.
 Skinner, R.
 Smith, K.
 Zwarts, G.

Girls:

Caswell, G.
 Fairbairn, S.
 Hardie, K.
 Oliver, P.

FORM 6**Mr Riach****Boys:**

Holland, R.
 Hormann, G.
 Kuperus, M.
 McTague, R.
 Merritt, J.
 Teahen, D.
 Usmar, D.
 Welch, A.

Girls:

Bartrum, D.
 Blakemore, P.
 Chisholm, L.
 Christey, C.
 Fleming, J.
 Miller, S.
 Moses, H.
 Stowell, E.
 Winter, J.

FORM 5X1**Mr Piper****Boys:**

Chapman, P.
 Neale, I.
 Philpott, A.
 Rush, D.
 Ryan, P.
 Teahen, G.
 White, K.

Girls:

Barker, L.

Basill, P.

Beck, J.

Blakemore, J.

Casey, C.

Chisholm, S.

Grant, S.

Higgins, J.

Johnson, L.

Johnson, R.

McHaffie, A.

More, N.

Muir, A.

Paul, J.

Reid, J.

Riach, F.

Te Koeti, D.

Usmar, J.

Waters, P.

Waugh, J.

Zwarts, K.

FORM 5X2**Miss McLeod****Boys:**

Adams, G.
 Baker, G.
 Clemens, J.
 Cobden, P.
 Fowler, G.
 Gebbie, M.
 Goodman, G.
 Hessel, S.
 McClelland, D.
 Margetts, P.
 Palmer, J.
 Rolston, P.
 Wederell, R.
 Welch, A.

Girls:

Carter, J.
 Cummings, D.
 Keeman, A.
 Kelynack, D.
 Moore, A.
 Phillips, S.
 Struthers, B.

FORM 4X1**Mrs Egan****Boys:**

Chapman, J.
 Gill, S.
 Gray, J.
 Henderson, P.

Jackson, A.

Honeywell, G.

Margetts, B.

McKenzie, H.

Moore, D.

Moore, T.

Moran, G.

Robinson, P.

Schurink, J.

Westaway, P.

Girls:

Biggs, H.
 Bowker, A.
 Braithwaite, B.
 Carter, W.
 Hardie, S.
 Hurst, C.
 Little, A.
 Miller, T.
 Muir, S.
 Paterson, M.
 Roberts, F.
 Rolston, J.
 Ryan, E.
 Struthers, L.
 Tapper, J.
 Van Royen, K.

FORM 4X2**Mr Wilkinson****Boys:**

Bell, S.
 Christey, A.
 Cowan, G.
 Hardie, I.
 Kelynack, M.
 Meade, N.
 Merritt, R.
 Rose, B.
 Sim, J.

Girls:

Adams, P.
 Blair, V.
 Boys, B.
 Broughton, T.
 Kerr, D.
 More, D.
 Mori, L.
 Moses, N.
 Moyle, C.
 Robins, P.
 Rose, V.
 Stoddart, D.
 Struthers, J.

Te Koeti, H.
Usmar, E.
Wallis, C.
Welch, T.

FORM 4X3
Mr Browning

Boys:
Beach, G.
Evans, D.
Graham, B.
Kelynack, D.
McHaffie, B.
Pierce, W.
Purcell, L.
Rayner, O.
Rowland, A.
Watson, P.
Wilson, B.

Girls:
Butters, D.
Cowie, H.
Gugich, N.
Harkness, J.
Munro, D.

FORM 3X1
Miss Leishman

Boys:
Bailey, D.
Casey, S.
Clemens, M.
Curry, B.
Fairbairn, A.
Grimward, M.
Higinbottom, P.
Johnson, D.
Milne, C.
Mitchell, H.
Priest, P.
Riach, A.
Schurink, D.
Woods, J.

Girls:
Barker, A.
Barrett, N.
Divan, C.
Gardiner, N.
Hart, C.
Hormann, S.
Jackman, J.
Smith, J.
Styles, H.
Tapper, L.
Tiffen, J.
Waugh, N.

Westaway, C.
FORM 3X2
Mr Macfarlane

Boys:
Baker, A.
Boys, A.
Casey, A.
Cummings, J.
Dossett, J.
Guthrie, M.
Hooper, P.
Tegelaars, R.
Wallis, D.

Girls:
Chisholm, R.
Davey, M.
Dobbs, K.
Dyer, T.
Esler, E.
Geary, S.
Hide, J.
O'Leary, B.
O'Sullivan, D.
Scott, P.

FORM 2R
Mrs Riach

Boys:
Bartrum, S.
Bell, D.
Bruce, P.
Carter, M.
Cunliffe, D.
Dockerty, J.
Grimward, T.
Jackman, A.
Jackson, P.
Miller, A.
Moyle, R.
Steven, A.

Girls:
Annett, C.
Belworthy, A.
Bowker, J.
Braithwaite, J.
Curry, W.
De Hoon, T.
Dockerty, S.
Henderson, L.
Hornblow, S.
Hullen, B.
Inkster, S.
McHaffie, H.
Milne, B.
Moran, M.

More, S.
Mould, K.
Oliver, S.
Quantock, S.
Paterson, C.
Reid, M.
Roberts, S.
Struthers, D.
Wilson, L.
Wilson, N.

FORM 2W
Mr Wilson

Boys:
Bailey, G.
Blackler, G.
Butters, W.
Cowan, W.
Crawford, J.
Evans, C.
Flowers, B.
Frew, B.
Goodman, P.
Henderson, M.
Hessell, K.
Hinchcliffe, D.
Jackson, K.
McKenzie, F.
Mori, A.
Moses, D.
Skinner, D.
Struthers, A.
Usmar, R.
Wallis, N.
Waters, B.

Girls:
Agnew, C.
Boake, M.
Dale, B.
de Latour, G.
Hide, M.
Hooper, K.
Houston, M.
Rolston, A.
Van Royen, A.
White, L.

FORM 1G
Mr Rodgers

Boys:
Basill, D.
Cleland, B.
Cone, M.
Crawford, G.
Dale, A.
Evans, H.

Frew, C.
Goodman, D.
Hitchcock, J.
McIvor, C.
Merritt, R.
Oliver, P.
Rayner, G.
Roberts, E.
Sutcliffe, A.

Girls:
Bailey, S.
Blair, P.
Boake, S.
Cameron, M.
Chisholm, L.
Flowers, S.
Guthrie, M.
Hardie, D.
Hart, S.
Henderson, J.
Moorehouse, N.
Pierce, D.

Steven, H.
Todd, P.
Walsh, S.
Waugh, R.
Wilson, K.
Wilson, R.

FORM 1S
Miss Ross

Boys:
Blair, G.
Blakemore, T.
Clemens, D.
Copland, J.
Dixon, P.
Gebbie, K.
Higinbottom, G.
Holland, S.
Kelynack, G.
Maguire, T.
Mitchell, D.

Quantock, G.
Stowell, A.

Girls:
Andrews, N.
Broughton, N.
Caldwell, C.
Cameron, J.
Diamond, R.
Gould, E.
Guthrie, D.
Hide, K.
Hormann, K.
Hornblow, S.
Jackson, K.
McPherson, R.
Munro, J.
Purcell, D.
Shanks, J.
Smith, A.
Stockier, D.
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1974 External Examination Results

The following passes in external examinations were recorded by pupils of this school last year.

University Bursaries:

"A" Passes: Rosemary Candy, Colin Munn.

"B" Passes: Elizabeth Hardie, Dawn Howey, Peter Moore.

Higher School Certificate:

Rosemary Candy, Elizabeth Hardie, Dawn Howey, Anne Malthus, Peter Moore, Colin Munn, Jill Roberts.

University Entrance:

Paul Bartrum, Gillian Caswell, Ewan Chapman, Susan Fairbairn, Alan Ferguson, Karen Hardie, Diane Haslett, Gerald Hay, Richard Hinchcliffe, Charles Jackson, Brian Lamb, Patricia Oliver, Nicholas Paul, Steven Reid, Mark Rolston, Robert Skinner, Christine Styles, George Zwarts.

Sixth Form Certificate:

Paul Bartrum, Jill Birdling, Gillian Caswell, Elaine Chapman, Ewan Chapman, Paul Clemens, Peter Clemens, Pat Coll, Susan Fairbairn, Alan Ferguson, Karen Hardie, Diane Haslett, Gerald Hay, Richard Hinchcliffe, Charles Jackson, Lynda Jones, Brian Lamb, Ian McPherson, Patricia Oliver, Nicholas Paul, Steven Reid, Mark Rolston, Robert Skinner, Christine Styles, David Usmar, George Zwarts.

School Certificate:

Five subjects: Ross Holland, Gregory Hormann, Murray Kuperus, Suzette Miller, Judith Winter.

Four subjects: Peter Adams, Margaret Bailey, Dawn Bartrum, Janice Fleming, Robert McTague, Kaylene Priest, Ernest Styles.

Three subjects: Pamela Blakemore, Paula Casey, Colleen Christey, Lois Chisholm, Ann Esler, Helen Moses, Nicola Smith, Desmond Teahen.

Two subjects: Karl Basill, Pat Coll, John Merritt, Dianne Mori, Elizabeth Stowell.

One subject: Graham Baker, Jill Birdling, Paul Clemens, Lex Cummings, Gerald Hay, Josephine Higgins, Ian McPherson, Keith Malthus, Rob Palmer, Steven Reid, Mark Rolston, Maree Struthers, David Usmar, Alister Welch.

The following people gained entry to the Sixth Form:

Peter Adams, Margaret Bailey, Dawn Bartrum, Karl Basill, Pamela Blakemore, Paula Casey, Colleen Christey, Lois Chisholm, Ann Esler, Janice Fleming, Ross Holland, Gregory Hormann, Murray Kuperus, Robert McTague, John Merritt, Suzette Miller, Dianne Mori, Helen Moses, Kaylene Priest, Nicola Smith, Elizabeth Stowell, Ernest Styles, Desmond Teahen, Alister Welch, Judith Winter.

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1975 Prize List

SPORTS TROPHIES

Athletics:

Under 12½ Boys: Donald Moses
Under 14 Boys: Andrew Boys
Junior Boys: Paul Robinson
Senior Boys: Nicholas Paul,
David Usmar (equal)

Under 12½ Girls: Paula Todd
Under 14 Girls: Christine Hart,
Beth O'Leary (equal)
Junior Girls: Wendy Carter
Senior Girls: Belinda Boys

Swimming:

Junior Boys: Kevin Hessel
Intermediate Boys: Ian Hardie
Senior Boys: David Usmar,
George Zwarts (equal)

Junior Girls: Ann Belworthy
Intermediate Girls: Joanne
Jackman
Senior Girls: Jackie Waugh

Diving:

Junior: Sheryl Walsh
Intermediate: Annette Barker

Senior: Alison Muir

Cross Country:

Junior Boys: Peter Goodman
Intermediate Boys: John
Schurink
Senior Boys: Nicholas Paul

Junior Girls: Paula Todd
Intermediate Girls: Shelley
Hormann
Senior Girls: Julie Reid

Fives:

Junior Boys: Stephen Bartrum
Intermediate Boys: Owen Rayner

Senior Boys: Murray Kuperus
Girls: Tezeh Broughton

Tennis:

Junior Boys: Grant Higinbottom
Senior Boys: Des Teahen

Junior Girls: Bronwyn Milne
Senior Girls: Dawn Bartrum

SPECIAL AWARDS

Public Speaking:

Junior: Robyn Waugh
Intermediate: Cheryl Moyle

Senior: Helen Moses

Original Writing:

Junior: Dee-Anne Guthrie
Intermediate: Hayden Mitchell

Senior: Karen Hardie

Debating:

Junior: Dee-Anne Guthrie
Intermediate: Wendy Carter

Senior: Ewan Chapman

Chess:

Junior: Donald Bailey

Senior: Nicholas Paul

Penmanship in the Junior School: Wayne Cowan

French: Patricia Oliver

Commercial: Shona Chisholm

Woodwork:

Form 4: Hamish McKenzie

Form 5: Ian Neale

Form 4 Horticulture: Alan Jackson

Home Economics:

Form 4: Cindy Hurst, Faye Roberts
Form 5: Ann McHaffie, Julie Reid

Principal's Award to School Council Chairman: Murray Kuperus

Principal's Award to School Council Secretary: Helen Moses

Sportsmanship:

Boys: D. Usmar

Girls: P. Blakemore

Citizenship: K. Hardie

Outstanding Progress and Diligence: F. Roberts

House Competition: Tokomaru — J. Winter, M. Kuperus (house captains)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Form 1:

C. Caldwell, 1st equal General Excellence, 1S
K. Hormann, 1st equal General Excellence, 1S
P. Todd, 1st General Excellence, 1G
R. Waugh, 2nd General Excellence, 1G
M. Guthrie, Industry
R. Wilson, Industry

Form 2R:

J. Dockerty, 1st General Excellence
D. Cunliffe, 2nd General Excellence
S. Dockerty, 3rd General Excellence

Form 2W:

M. Houston, Industry
D. Moses, Industry

Form 3X1:

D. Bailey, 1st equal General Excellence
S. Hormann, 1st equal General Excellence
A. Riach, 3rd General Excellence

Form 3X2:

A. Boys, General Excellence
J. Hyde, General Excellence

Form 4:

M. Paterson, 1st General Excellence
P. Westaway, 2nd General Excellence
H. McKenzie, Maths/Science/Technical Drawing
B. Margetts, General Excellence
P. Adams, Industry
N. Moses, Industry
O. Rayner, Industry

Form 5:

J. Paul, 1st General Excellence
S. Chisholm, 2nd equal General Excellence
I. Neale, 2nd equal General Excellence
F. Riach, General Excellence

Form 6:

R. Holland, 1st General Excellence
S. Miller, 2nd General Excellence
M. Kuperus, 3rd General Excellence

Form 7:

S. Fairbairn (Proxime Accessit)
K. Hardie (Proxime Accessit)

Dux:

N. Paul